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Title : Fixing Arrangement for a Spring and/or Damping Element to a Hollow Support on a Motor Vehicle Chassis

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 AND 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Examiner may deem the attached documents relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

I. Time Period of Submission

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

1) no later than three months from the application's filing date or 2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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III. Submission of Non-English Language Documents

The following is a concise explanation of relevance of the non-English language documents listed in the attached Form PTO-1449:

The relevance of document(s) _____ to the subject matter of the present invention is/are provided in the specification of the above-identified application.

An English translation of the German Office Action dated November 25, 2003, which was previously cited and submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed 01/24/2005, is attached, along with another copy of the German Office Action.

English language equivalent publication(s) of document(s) _____ is/are submitted herewith.

English language abstract(s) is/are submitted for document(s) _____.

English translation(s) of the foreign language document(s), is/are submitted herewith.

Applicant submits the following explanations:
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IV. Continuations/Divisionals/PCT National Stage Applications

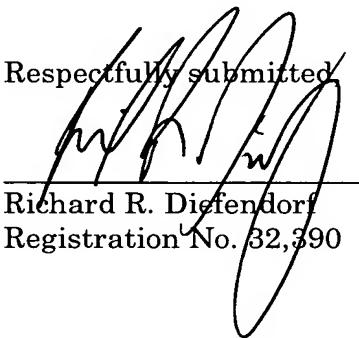
Documents _____ were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on == in parent application Serial No. _____, from which this application claims a benefit.

Copies of the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 have already been provided by the International Searching Authority, therefore, duplicate copies are not attached hereto.

If necessary, this paper should be considered as an authorization to charge Deposit Account 05-1323, Attorney Docket No.: 095309.55846US, for the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

Respectfully submitted

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